

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT
AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:
Peggy E. Hellberg

Serial No.: 10/694,309 (Conf. #3568)

Filed: October 27, 2003

For: HISTONE DEACETYLASE INHIBITORS
FOR TREATING DEGENERATIVE
DISEASES OF THE EYE

Group Art Unit: 1612

Examiner: Fay, Z.

Atty. Dkt. No.: 2395 US

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED APRIL 11, 2008

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This Paper is filed in response to the Office Action mailed April 11, 2008.

A request for a one-month extension of time to respond is included herewith along with the required fee. A Request for Continued Examination is also being filed herewith, along with the required fee.

Should such request or fees be deficient or absent, consider this paragraph such a request and authorization to withdraw the appropriate fee under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 to 1.21 from Deposit Account No. 501051.

Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 2 of this paper.